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DAYTON, Ohio, October 28, 1974 --- In the third public service lecture in the series Rights, Ethics & Medicine, Dr. Paul Ramsey, professor of religion at Princeton University and distinguished author of Fabricated Man: The Ethics of Genetic Control and many other ethical works dealing with the life sciences, will offer an analysis of the ethics of fetal experimentation with whole living fetal tissues available now to researchers through either induced abortions or spontaneous abortions, or, in utero with or without the anticipation of abortion on October 31 at 7:30 P.M.

The series is sponsored by the Ohio Program in the Humanities and the Philosophy Department at the University of Dayton.

At present the recent National Research Act passed by Congress bans experiments on human subjects in two areas: fetal experimentation and psychosurgery until a commission makes its reports. With the recent appearance of guidelines from HEW, what protection will be offered to protect the human fetus from unjustified human experimentation?

FALL COLLOQUIUM

Following the fall lecture series, the colloquium, November 8-9, will treat such topics as "Insanity," "On Justifying Genetic Intervention," "Behavior Modification and the Law," "Reproductive Rights and Genetic Disease."

Insanity - November 8 at 7:30 P.M.

Addressing this topic will be Joseph Margolis of Temple University's Philosophy Department, author of Psychotherapy and Morality and the forthcoming book, Insanity. Margolis has also been on the faculty of Columbia University, University of Minnesota, and the University of California at Berkley.

"Declarations of Insanity," comments UD Philosophy chairman Dr. Raymond Herbenick, "are of special human significance in the area of mental health and in the criminal law. The rights of those declared medically or legally insane are of special interest to moralists, witness the use or abuse of insanity declarations in the Soviet Union for the punishment of political dissent."

Behavior Modification - November 8 at 3:30 P.M.

Behavior Modification is heralded in some quarters as a new form of physical and mental health control. Given these developments, is the legal system protective of rights really necessary as we know it today? Should we dispense with our ethical-legal system of right in the face of crime and deviant behavior? This is an issue which Professor Michael Katz of UD's Law School will address in the area of behavioral health.

On Justifying Genetic Intervention - November 9 at 11:00 A.M.

Thomas Beauchamp of the Philosophy department and Kennedy Center for Bioethics at Georgetown University will present a discussion entitled "On Justifying Genetic Intervention." Barry Brown of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto will be the commentator and Donald Beelich of Wright State University, moderator.

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Reproductive Rights and Genetic Disease - November 9 at 2:30 P.M.

Dr. Lawrence Ulrich, of UD's Philosophy department will join Frederic Schnebly, M.D., Chairman of the Ethics Committee, Montgomery County (Ohio) Medical Society, and George A. Curran, S.J. of Xavier University to discuss reproductive rights and genetic disease.

Some health experts call for genetic counselling and screening prior to or along with the state's granting of procreative rights through marriage licensing procedures. What of the procreation rights of parents whose genetic tree or record show a disposition towards bearing children with substantial genetic diseases?

Panel Discussion - November 9 at 7:30 P.M. - Guest speakers and commentators will join in a panel discussion.

SPRING SERIES, 1975

Guests for the spring lecture series in February and March include Henry Beecher, M.D., Harvard University, School of Medicine; K. Danner Clouser, Milton S. Hersey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University; and Judith Swazey, Boston University School of Medicine.